Electrification of villages during the Tenth Plan

† 2373. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages proposed to be electrified by Government during Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether any schedule or plan has been proposed by Government for this purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to include NGOs, unemployed youths and co-operatives for this purpose; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Government of India has introduced Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in April 2005 - scheme for rural electricity infrastructure and household electrification for attainment of National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP) goal of providing access to electricity to all households by 2009.

It is proposed to electrify 50,000 villages during Tenth Five Year Plan as per the break-up plan as under:—

SI. No.	Year	No. of villages proposed for electrification
1.	2005-06	10,000
2.	2006-07	40,000
	Total	50,000

(c) and (d) Under RGGVY, the management of rural distribution will be through franchisees, who could be Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Users Association, Cooperatives or Individual entrepreneurs, Panchayat Institutions would be associated. The franchisees arrangement could be for system beyond and including feeders from substation or from and including Distribution Transformer(s).

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